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TOPIC Soviet Engineer Training grounds near BITTKAU FLN 25X1A
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1. a. Pontoons were observed to be entrained at the MAHLWINKEL (M 53/Y 72) railroad station. A truck [REDACTED] was observed. The troops doing the loading were allegedly assigned to a RINGFURTH (M 53/Y 82) engineer unit.

21 July 1949

- b. It was observed that the cantonment buildings of a large engineer training camp southwest of BITTKAU (M 53/Y 83) were disassembled and shipped to the Letzling Heath. Engineer equipment from the camp had been shipped away earlier.

24 August 1949

- 25X1X 2. An engineer training camp near RINGFURTH was occupied by only a guard detail. Local residents stated that daily river crossing and bridge building practices were held on the bend of the Elbe River between RINGFURTH and POLTE near PANLEY (M 53/Y 82) until mid-August 1949. The exercises were held under simulated wartime conditions, with machine guns and mortars being used.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment:

Engineer units of the Third Shock Army and possibly GMD engineer units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany held engineer exercises on the Elbe River in the BITTKAU-RINGFURTH area in June 1949. This information is confirmed by the above report. The engineer exercises were apparently completed by mid-August 1949.

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